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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY OFF TO A SOLID START IN 2011

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis Office of Sustainability is ever green after a successful 2010, which saw bikeways expansion, the receipt of over \$10 million in federal grants and acknowledgement as a 2010 Green Community of the Year from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

BIKE LANES: The Office of Sustainability created 32.52 miles of bike lanes in 2010, bringing the total of bike lanes in Marion County to 63.15 miles. Moving forward, the Office of Sustainability has 226.4 miles of bike lanes planned to be built in the next decade.

GRANT MONEY: During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Department of Public Works (DPW) operations crews completed retrofits on 270 traffic signals. Thanks to a Department of Energy (DOE) grant, DPW was able to make retrofits to 403 signals. These traffic signals have been upgraded with cost-saving, energy-efficient light-emitting diodes (LEDs.) The LEDs create less carbon emissions and ultimately cut down on energy costs.

In the past month, two fire stations were retrofitted with energy and water efficiency measures. With the addition of these two fire stations, there are now 28 more energy efficient fire stations in Marion County.

This energy-efficiency initiative is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy. The City's Office of Sustainability received more than \$8 million through this grant in late 2009 and is designating this funding for several energy-efficiency and conservation projects.

On January 21, the City completed energy retrofits of heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) lighting and water conservation measures at three DPW facilities. This will save the City \$20,000 annually in energy and water utility costs. Also, City Market energy upgrades are due to be completed in late March. These upgrades to the air handler units will save the City an additional \$26,000 per year.

Finally, the City's Department of Public Safety is due to receive 25 Ford Fusion Hybrids by the end of January, which will displace an estimated 630 gallons of gas per vehicle annually.

STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION: This past October, Indianapolis was named a 2010 Green Community of the Year from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. Not only did the city meet the minimum score required to be a Green Community, but ranked highest among other communities its size. The City's exemplary efforts in the area of green programs earned Indianapolis the 2010 IACT Green Community of the Year award in the 50,000 and above population category.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit www.sustainindy.org.

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